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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 16, 2009 having a shortened statutory period of response of three months. Accordingly, this response is due on or before January 16, 2010, along with a one-month extension of time.

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